

LR513/LB239 PCMH Working Group

September 30, 2013 meeting minutes

In attendance:

Senator Gloor

David Palm, DHHS

Brad Brabec, M.D., Complete Children's Health

Steve Russell, Complete Children's Health

Scott Jansen, Complete Children Health

Bryson Bartels, DHHS

Andy Pollock, United Health Care

Dr. Bob Rauner, Healthy Lincoln

Margaret Kohl, Staff, Senator Mike Gloor

Roger Keetle, Staff, Senator John Wightman

Ann Frohman, NMA

Jina Ragland, NMA

Margaret Brockman, Office of Rural Health

Bruce Reiker, Nebraska Hospital Association

Nancy Thompson, Federal Health Clinics

By phone:

Dr. Deb Esser, Coventry

Corrina Suiter, Arbor Health

Dr. David Filipi, Blue Cross Blue Shield NE
Corina Suiter, Arbor Health

Mary McConville, CoOpportunity Health

Dr. Steve Lazoritz, Arbor Health

A. Welcome: Senator Gloor welcomed the group and lead the introductions.

B. Senator Gloor recited the antitrust guidelines that have been established for the group as to what is appropriate to discuss.

C. Agenda item-C: Pediatric outcome measures, was discussed. Dr. Rauner reported the preferred list of measures had been reduced to 10. Asthma measures will require some auditing because the information is not available from claims data. The measures are more aggressive than the insurers requested. No one spoke against the draft and the recommended pediatric outcome measures were adopted.

Agenda item-D: Margaret Kohl reported that even though the suggested changes were made United Health care continues to object to the draft agreement based upon their belief that the agreement will hamper innovation. BC/BS of Nebraska shares United Health Care's concern. Dr. Rauner asked the insurers to come forward with proposed language to address their concerns. The representative of BC/BS stated that he will take the issues back to their internal group on what language might be acceptable.

Senator Gloor reported that he intends to meet separately with the insurers to discuss the issues in a smaller group. Senator Gloor stated his position that a common definition of a Patient Center Medical Home should be established as a baseline and that quality measures should be narrowed to reduce the cost of implementation. He stated that if an insurer does not agree to a meeting, it shall be assumed that the insurer does not intend to sign any form of PCMH agreement.

Agenda item-E: Is there a need for legislation was discussed. Senator Gloor stated that some degree of anti-trust protection might be beneficial to foster development of PCMHs. Margaret Kohl will sent by email several examples of proposed language. This information should be reviewed by the insurer's attorneys and comments, if any directed back to Margaret Kohl.

Agenda item F-Staff Report was presented:

An Employer Forum for self insured employers with insurance plans exempt from state law will be held with several speakers on the PCMH program. AON Hewitt and the Human Resources Association of Nebraska are co-sponsoring and organizing this forum with Senator Gloor's office in an effort to educate large self funded employers about PCMH and to encourage them to request PCMH programs through their insurer/administrator and healthcare providers.

The upcoming NASHP site visit will be November 6 and 7th. The stakeholder group will met on the 7th probably in the late morning. November 6th will be used for small group meetings.

NMA, NAFP and Rural Health Conference Updates were presented:

Dave Palm reported that approximately 250 people attended the Rural Health Conference and that PCMHs were discussed in relationship to the future of health delivery in rural Nebraska.

Jina Ragland reported that the Nebraska Medical Association's Annual Meeting on September 20th had an extensive program on health care transformation including programs on the Southeast Rural Physician's proposed HCO program and on PCMHs.

Dr, Rauner reported that the NAFP will host a conference on PCMH on October 11th in Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Jina Ragland reported that on November 8th the NMA will host an all day program with speakers from the Dartmouth Organization concerning the use of health care services and quality of care. The NMA continues to build an online resource about PCMH on its web site.

Senator Gloor reported that the LR 22 Committee will hold a meeting of stakeholders this Wednesday, October 2 in Omaha to consider a long range plan and policy for health care delivery in Nebraska.

Next date: The next stakeholder's meeting will be November 7 probably in the late morning. Details will be sent by email.

The meeting was adjourned.